



Allocations Committee

Approved

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Maricopa County Department of Public Health

4041 North Central Avenue, Phoenix

15th Floor, Joshua Room

The following provides a written summary of recorded minutes. To listen to the official recorded minutes, contact Planning Council Support. The recording will be provided for review.

MEETING MINUTES

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Attended: Maclovía Zepeda, Marc Allan, Mark Kezios, Michelle Barker, Randall Furrow, Stephen O'Dell

Alternates: Phillip Seeger for Debby Elliott

Excused: Larry Stähli

Absent: Fran Garrett

Guests: Cheri Tomlinson, John Zielinski, Keith Thompson, Laurie Buckles, Richard Matens, Jane DuFrane, Kevin McNeal, Michael Bryson, John Saperro, Harold Phillips

Welcome, introductions and declarations of any conflicts-of-interest

Marc Allan called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Everyone introduced him/her self and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

John Zielinski expressed interest in joining the committee.

Determination of quorum

Marc Allan determined that quorum was established, with six of ten members present at 3:08 p.m.

Review and approval of the minutes for the March 1, 2006, meeting

MOTION: Randall Furrow moved to accept the minutes. Phillip Seeger seconded.

DISCUSSION: None.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Larry Stähli
Allocations Committee Chair

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Administrative Agent update

Jane DuFrane introduced Richard Matens who has replaced Carol McFadden as the supervisor for the Administrative Agent's (AA) office.

Committee Chair update

Allocations Committee Vice Chair Marc Allan requested that committee review the Policies and Procedures for revisions at the next meeting.

Carry-Over discussion

John Saperro of Planning Council Support (PCS) distributed the following documents (available from PCS) for use in the decision-making on reallocation of carry-over funds:

- 2005 Consumer Survey
- 2006-2009 Comprehensive Plan
- Summary of needs assessment findings
- Preliminary draft of 2006 Pinal County Needs Assessment
- Carry-over Questions: responses from the AA's office, PCS and HRSA consultants to issues identified in the prior Allocations Meeting
- Service Category Definitions
- Carry-over Special Projects worksheet
- CPA Committee's prioritized recommendations of service categories needing carry-over funding
- 2005 Funding Allocations worksheet with Prioritizations
- Delta Dental's presentation on Oral Health utilization 12/04-10/05
- Arizona Department of Health Services presentation on methamphetamine treatment
- Dental Insurance Co-Payment Reimbursement Pilot Program proposal outline

The committee discussed potential reallocations using carry-over funds.

MOTION: Mark Kezios moved to recommend the addition of Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) as a subcategory of Oral Health. Randall Furrow seconded.

DISCUSSION: Debby Elliott sought clarification. Mark Kezios said the addition of an unfunded subcategory expanded the capability to use Oral Health funding for emergencies/co-pays without having to enroll in the insurance plan. The change was proposed since the EFA definition now excludes any oral health funding.

Laurie Buckles of Maricopa County Office of Oral Health offered recommendations on increasing utilization of oral health services including a new indemnity plan, an HMO plan, and partnerships with a dental school. Marc Allan asked for a prediction on utilization if the plan maximums were raised: Laurie Buckles replied that their research does not support that move since only 3.9% of clients spend to that limit. She added that co-pay reimbursement would likely help more people to reach the plan maximum.

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Richard Matens inquired as to what portion of EFA had been spent on Oral Health Services: Kevin McNeal replied 75%; but it is unknown as to what portions are co-pays versus dental services for those who had not received treatment through the insurance plan.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

MOTION: Maclovía Zepeda moved to recommend that the Planning Council reallocate \$299,064 of carry-over funds to the Oral Health Pilot Program. Michelle Barker seconded.

DISCUSSION: Jane DuFrane clarified that the funds are directed to the newly created subcategory of Oral Health EFA that would be managed by the AA's office. Stephen O'Dell asked about the sustainability of the new subcategory. Marc Allan replied that those decisions are made annually based upon a data review. Mark Kezios added that a statement of the clients' understanding would ensure that dental patients know that there are no guarantees for the future.

Laurie Buckles expressed concern that the proposed funding excludes dental services for those who can not receive treatment through the insurance plan due to the initial waiting period, delayed availability of plan appointments, urgent dental emergencies, or ineligibility for the dental plan for those above 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. Michelle Barker whether she could find out the portion of EFA used by people above the 185% FPL for Oral Health. The AA's office did not have that data available but would research it. Richard Matens added that the intent of the new subcategory should be for co-pays like the pilot program *plus* emergencies. Mark Kezios added that subcategory should be funded in the future to cover its use for emergencies, but the proposal today is only considering the pilot program so that carry-over funding can move forward.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

The AA's office agreed to report on the availability of the six core services in Pinal County to determine whether the committee should fund a service capacity assessment. Harold Phillips said the AA's office should research why no one bids on contracts. Cheri Tomlinson suggested determining the number of physicians who qualify under the PHS guidelines at government and non-profit medical facilities. She added that a study of the locations of Ryan White Title I clients would determine the feasibility of a Pinal County medical provider: she said doctors would not likely have a caseload that they thought would be worth the administrative efforts to become a service provider.

MOTION: Michelle Barker moved to table this discussion until the AA's office could report on the capacity of Primary HIV Medical Care (as defined by HRSA and the Council) in Pinal County and why no one bids to become a provider. Maclovía Zepeda seconded.

DISCUSSION: Stephen O'Dell requested all categories be investigated. Harold Phillips recommended the focus stay on Primary HIV Medical Care (as defined by HRSA and the Council) for the initial investigation.

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OUTCOME: The motion passed.

The AA clarified limitations on inpatient detox programs. Keith Thompson discussed the costs and outcomes of care strategies for substance abuse treatment. He recommended expansion of current services to evening or weekend hours when none currently exist. Maclovía Zepeda reported that residential treatment programs sometimes have waiting lists. Harold Phillips said it is within the Council's authority to identify how the funds should be used through directives with the reallocations.

MOTION: Phillip Seeger moved to recommend that the Planning Council reallocate \$60,000 of carry-over funds to the 28-day residential substance abuse program (on the model built for 12) and \$80,000 for expansion of hours into evenings for substance abuse treatment programs, totaling \$140,000. Mark Kezios seconded.

DISCUSSION: Maclovía Zepeda asked whether a Request for Proposals (RFP) would be made; that would delay implementation. The AA's office said the *residential* program requires a Request of Qualification (ROQ), which would be quicker.

OUTCOME: The motion passed.

Current events summaries

Stephen O'Dell invited all to participate in the Dining Out for Life fundraiser on April 27.

Determination of agenda items for the next meeting

The committee agreed that their next meeting would adjourn only after completion of their recommendation for carry-over reallocation so that it could be forwarded to the Planning Council for approval on April 13.

Call to the public

None.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

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